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# H. R. 5224

To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Food Re-  
5 lief Partnership Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID TRANS-**  
2 **PORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION**  
3 **OF SHELF STABLE PREPACKAGED FOODS.**

4 Title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and  
5 Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 208. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID**  
8 **TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DIS-**  
9 **TRIBUTION OF SHELF STABLE PRE-**  
10 **PACKAGED FOODS.**

11 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator is author-  
12 ized to provide grants to—

13 “(1) United States nonprofit organizations (de-  
14 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
15 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section  
16 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and  
17 eligible organizations for the preparation of shelf  
18 stable prepackaged foods and the establishment and  
19 maintenance of stockpiles of such foods in the  
20 United States; and

21 “(2) private voluntary organizations and inter-  
22 national organizations for the rapid transportation,  
23 delivery, and distribution of such shelf stable pre-  
24 packaged foods to needy individuals in foreign coun-  
25 tries.

1       “(b) GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STOCK-  
2 PILES.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 70 percent  
4 of the amount made available to carry out this sec-  
5 tion shall be used to provide grants under subsection  
6 (a)(1).

7               “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under  
8 subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall give pref-  
9 erence to a United States nonprofit organization  
10 that agrees to provide non-Federal funds in an  
11 amount equal to 50 percent of the funds received  
12 under a grant under subsection (a)(1), an in kind  
13 contribution equal to such percent, or a combination  
14 thereof, for the preparation of shelf stable pre-  
15 packaged foods and the establishment and mainte-  
16 nance of stockpiles of such foods in the United  
17 States in accordance with such subsection.

18       “(c) GRANTS FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIV-  
19 ERY, AND DISTRIBUTION.—Not less than 20 percent of  
20 the amount made available to carry out this section shall  
21 be used to provide grants under subsection (a)(2).

22       “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 10 percent  
23 of the amount made available to carry out this section may  
24 be used by the Administrator for the administration of  
25 grants under subsection (a).

1       “(e) REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES.—Not later than  
 2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section,  
 3 the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of  
 4 Agriculture, shall issue such regulations or guidelines as  
 5 the Administrator determines to be necessary to carry out  
 6 this section, including regulations or guidelines that pro-  
 7 vide to United States nonprofit organizations eligible to  
 8 receive grants under subsection (a)(1) guidance with re-  
 9 spect to the requirements for qualified shelf stable pre-  
 10 packaged foods and the amount of such foods to be stock-  
 11 piled by such organizations.

12       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13               “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
 14 appropriated to the Administrator for the purpose of  
 15 carrying out this section, in addition to amounts  
 16 otherwise available for such purposes, \$3,000,000  
 17 for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

18               “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated  
 19 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations  
 20 under paragraph (1) are authorized to remain avail-  
 21 able until expended.”.

22 **SEC. 3. PREPOSITIONING OF COMMODITIES.**

23       Section 407(c) of the Agricultural Trade Develop-  
 24 ment and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1736a(c)) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
2 graph:

3           “(4) PREPOSITIONING.—Funds made available  
4       for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to carry out titles II  
5       and III of this Act may be used by the Adminis-  
6       trator to procure, transport, and store agricultural  
7       commodities for prepositioning within the United  
8       States and in foreign countries, except that for each  
9       such fiscal year not more than \$2,000,000 of such  
10      funds may be used to store agricultural commodities  
11      for prepositioning in foreign countries.”.

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